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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION IN ILLINOIS

24. "Head Injuries and Syphilis as a Cause of Crime." Dr. Bernard Glueck,
U. S. P. H. S., Ellis Island, New York Harbor.

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Social Factors in Crime.—In the Dutch Journal, *Tydschrift voor Strafrecht*, for 1912, appears a valuable article on the "Social Factors of Crime in Comparison with the Individual Causes," by Dr. W. A. Bonger (author of "Crime and Economic Conditions," soon to be translated for the Modern Criminal Science Series). Dr. Bonger begins by noting that modern criminal science began with the statistical studies of Guerry, Quetelet, Ducetiaux, and von Mayr (1826-1870), in France, Belgium and Germany, thus emphasizing the social aspect; but that after Lombroso's writings began, in 1800, the anthropologic element dominated for nearly a generation. Again, however, a reaction has set in, Lombroso's extreme views are less accepted, and the social causes are emphasized. He then takes up some illustrations of the vast importance of the social element. Child-neglect, child-labor, unfavorable conditions of life among the poor, alcoholism, etc., are pointed out as causes essentially social and not individual. He then enters on a defense of the view that social surroundings are not operative unless the individual is by innate character likely to be affected by them, and this defense is forcibly elaborated. He closes with Lacassagne's epigram, "A Society has the criminals which it deserves"; and this, to the author, is an optimistic truth, for it gives the hope that crime is not innate, but may be diminished in proportion to social amelioration. "May a community some day be found," he closes, "which has no criminals because it deserves none."

J. H. W.

Civil Service Examination for the Office of Clerk and Secretary to the Board of Pardons in Illinois—Training and Experience.—On December 14, 1912, the following examination was offered in Chicago to candidates for the above named office:

1. (a) What is your age?
(b) Are you married
(c) How many persons are dependent upon you for support?
2. State your education in detail, giving the preliminary, grammar, and high schools, colleges, etc., attended, the studies pursued and years spent in each. If you have received any degrees, indicate them.
3. What practical experience have you had in studying or dealing with social questions.
4. Have you ever been in contact with the prison classes? Give details.
5. Have you ever had any particular acquaintance with the haunts of criminals in cities in which you have lived? Answer in detail.
6. What experience have you had in studying or dealing with delinquent classes of children?
7. What experience or training have you had, other than that covered above, which you think would tend to fit you for the position of Clerk and Secretary of the Board of Pardons?

Crime and Criminology.

1. What do you think of the proposition, "Society is to blame for the crimes that are committed against it"?